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SJC Remembers Tito Hamilton

By Natalie Dziadosz
News Writer



SJC remembers former football player Tito Hamilton.
Photo courtesy of Facebook.

Tito Hamilton came into Saint Joe as a Freshman football player during the 2015-2016 school year. During his time here, he became a friend and teammate to many. At the end of his freshman year, he transferred to Clinton College in South Carolina where he continued his education and football career.

On September 17, on his way to a football game in North Carolina, he was tragically killed when the bus crashed. Here at Saint Joe, he is still fondly remembered. Antonia Thomas, Black Student Union President told The Observer, “Tito had a spirit that touched so many souls and made them happy. He could make you smile and laugh even at your saddest moments. It was hard to be angry or sad around him. I’ll never meet anyone like him.”

On September 19th, Saint Joe put on a Candlelight Vigil for Tito and his family. In addition to the vigil, students, faculty, and friends had the opportunity to come together and talk about the good memories they had shared with Tito. That way we could all come together as a family and comfort each other in this time of loss. “He was a man with a smile

that brightened everyone’s day,” Brooke Major told The Observer. “He had that Tito vibe that would change the mood of everyone in the room. He cared so much about others and would do anything for anyone even if he didn’t receive the same. He made such a huge impact on everyone’s lives that he met.” President Pastoor honored Tito through a quote from Dan Ebner, “Mourning enhances our relationships.” He then went on to point out that, “Tito’s passing at such a young age did bring us all together.” A quote from JK Rowling’s Harry Potter series echoes President Pastoor’s words: “Those we love never truly leave us, Harry. There are some things death cannot touch.” At Saint Joe, we will always remember Tito with the same amount joy and happiness he brought to the college.

SJC Zombie 5K at Lake Banet

By Lauren Grasham
News Writer

With Halloween quickly approaching, Saint Joseph’s College is jumping at every opportunity to get students into the spirit of the holiday. One of these events includes the college’s first ever zombie 5K on Friday, October 28. The 5K is being held by housing along with International Student Specialist Landon Wood. Wood is looking for a fun way to both raise money and to get everyone involved. While running behind Lake Banet one evening, it clicked that it would be perfect to do a Halloween themed marathon since the lake can give off quite an eery atmosphere at night.

The Zombie 5K is open to everyone in the community, not just students at Saint Joe. When signing up, people can choose to join one of three options: a sprinter, a walker, or a zombie. Sprinters will be the ones running the path, while walkers will be able to walk the entire time. Those who register as zombies will not be completing the course, but instead will appear in various places throughout and try to scare others as they pass. Zombies will be in full costume including clothes and special effects makeup. This way, those who are not runners can still join, get some exercise, and just be a part of the fun. The cost to participate will be \$15, and most proceeds will go

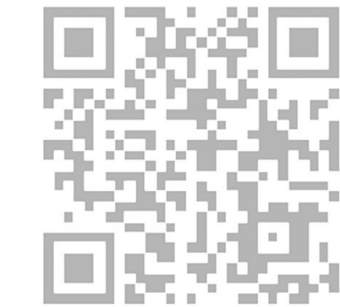


Sign-ups for SJC’s Zombie 5K is now open! Those who sign up before October 17 will get a free T-shirt.
Photo courtesy of Landon Wood

towards the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund, or UNICEF. People who register on or before October 17 will also receive a t-shirt. After that date, the price will decrease a slight amount since participants

will no longer be able to purchase the shirt. For a \$2 reduction at any time, log onto Facebook and share the post promoting the 5K. Wood is hoping that this will be a popular event within the community and eventually

become an annual event. The cost is quite reasonable as compared to other races that usually cost \$10-\$15 more. “It’ll be affordable and helpful,” Wood says. He understands that college students typically do not have much money, so he believes the low price will urge more to participate. The fact that the proceeds are going towards a charitable cause could also be a motivating factor encouraging more people to sign up. Afterwards, participants can continue the Halloween fun and go to residence hall Justin’s haunted house for only \$1. To sign up for the zombie 5K, go to lwood12.wixsite.com/saint-joezombie5K or simply scan the code with your phone that will take you directly to the registration page.



To sign up for SJC’s Zombie 5K, scan the barcode above using any mobile device.

Scenes from Homecoming 2016

By Josie Gropp
News Writer

Homecoming: one of the most exciting days on any campus. There were a variety of activities going on right here at Saint Joseph’s College. These ranged from SJC’s traditional “Amazing Race,” to face painting, to the very wet but well-attended, football game on Saturday. Homecoming weekend kicked off Friday night with a pep rally by the Whispering Wall. Alumni, current students, and faculty were all joined together to listen to the band, announce the homecoming court, and congratulate the participants in the last round of The Amazing Race.

Saturday morning saw heavy rainfall, mud, and even thunder and lightning. It was altogether a very rainy and cloudy day. Unfortunately, the scheduled baseball and softball Alumni games were rained out. However, the football game was still running. Many people traveled out to Rensselaer to tailgate, and despite the rain, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves; catching up, having a laugh, and enjoying food from the alumni-run Beer and Brat Tent. Although half-time was shortened, the 2016 Homecoming court was announced and seniors, Jose Arteaga and Hirut Negassi were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Following halftime and throughout the game, the boys played with intensity, which led to a rewarding victory against Quincy University, with a score of 31-13, at which point the sun came out and weather was fair for the rest of the day.

During the time of the tailgate and through most of the football game, there were tents where both adults and kids could enjoy themselves. Adults could enjoy



Above: Puma Football team seized a victory against the Quincy Hawks
Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kearney

beer and brats (courtesy of the Alumni Association), buy some souvenirs, and even go on an inflatable obstacle course.

Activities were also planned for kids; they did a variety of activities such as tie-dye, crafts, face painting, and more. To close Saturday there were many smaller alumni reunions and then a larger, formal dinner reunion in the Ballroom.

To end Homecoming weekend, there was a closing Alumni Mass in the Chapel at 11:00 am Sunday morning, where many previous Pumas joined together in prayer. In addition, the Saint Joseph’s choir sang for the mass starting with the tune of Saint Joseph’s

Alma Mater. “I feel as if Homecoming went really well this year!” said PAC Homecoming chair Myia Garner. “We had some bumps along the way but managed to keep everything going to have an amazing outcome! As for meeting the Alumni, its always nice to see so many wonderful people stand behind a school they love so much. To me the alumni are truly what holds the College together, along with the students who live out the mission everyday.” Long hours of hard work were put into 2016 Homecoming, on both a staff and student level, and it is hoped that the coming years may be as memorable as this one.



Above: Alumni were able to reconnect with old friends at the Alumni Association Beer and Brat Tent
Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kearney



Left: SJC Percussion at the Homecoming Pep Rally
Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kearney



Above: Homecoming King and Queen, Jose Arteaga and Hirut Negassi
Photo courtesy of Jose Arteaga



Left: Members of the 2016 Homecoming Court were recognized at the Pep Rally (from L to R: Katelyn Coghill, Jose Arteaga, Justin Blunt, Patrick Flynn, Sarah Bromberek, Logan James, and Allie Zimmerle)
Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kearney

2016 Election Update: Live from New York... It’s Political Satire



By Jose Arteaga
Political Columnist

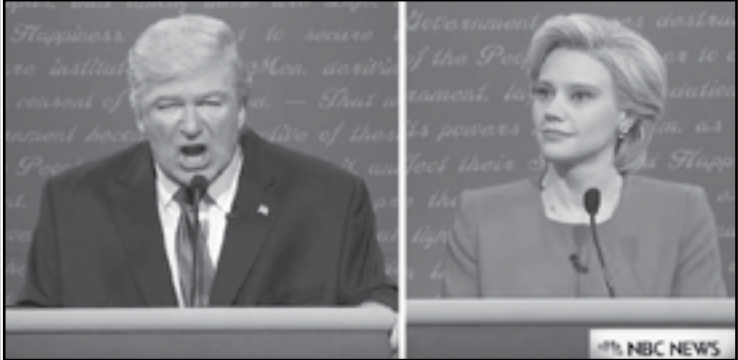
Last Saturday, “Saturday Night Live” kicked off its 42nd season. SNL has been a staple for national politics, and they have a lot of material to begin the season. Over the years SNL has made it big covering the election, more specifically the presidential candidates. This year is no different.

Alec Baldwin opened the show as Donald Trump in a debate sketch against Kate McKinnon’s Hillary Clinton. Along with Baldwin and McKinnon they were joined by Michael Che’s character of Lester Holt. The sketch poked fun at Trump and Clinton’s debate performance, especially Trump’s.

Although this debate was very comical it was very close to the

real one. At the real debate Trump did not perform as well as he thought. In a CNN poll, 60% of viewers believed Secretary Clinton won the debate while 30% thought Trump won the debate. With Trump’s poor performance, he is going under major debate prep.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who is in charge of Trump’s transition team if he wins in November, will be in charge of Trump’s debate prep. Leading to the first debate, Trump did not prepare. This time he hopes to change it by going through his first debate prep ever. We shall see if he will perform better than the first debate. I believe that Christie will help him and that he will do better in the 2nd debate.

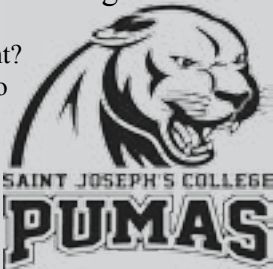


Above: Saturday Night Live satirized the 2016 Presidential Debate series with its first sketch featuring candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.
Photo courtesy of Google Images

Upcoming Puma Events!

- October 5-12 - Phonathon
- October 9 - Fall Overnight Experience
- October 12 - Pumpkin Carving Contest
- October 13 - Busy Student Retreat
- October 14 - Fall Break
- October 16 - Take Back the Night

Want to get the word out about your event? Email the date and name of your event to Kylie Hill at khw10051@saintjoe.edu or Alyssa Cook at acw10024@saintjoe.edu!



Apartment vs The Mark of True Success

By Christina O’Connell
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My friends and I have always dreamed about getting an apartment our senior year here at St. Joe. When the time came during junior year to pick where we would live for senior year, the apartments were the first on our list of options, and we got one. It doesn’t seem that big of a deal to most, but for my roommates and I the apartments have always been super cool. It’s where the giant, obnoxious parties happened and where the upperclassmen would sit outside on their balcony like kings. We wanted to know what it was all about. My roommates and I though aren’t necessarily the biggest party animals, we probably have the quietest apartment on campus. But it has been a fun experience to be apart of the Residence Hall scene.

Now, sitting in my own room writing this with a great view of the soccer field and sunset, I would never go back to dorm living. I love living in an apartment. I’ve lived in Noll, Seifert, and Halas, and I would not go back to any of them. They had their perks of course. Noll has a kitchen with a stove and oven, Seifert is smack dab in the middle of the buildings, allowing me to leave five minutes before class, and Halas was the first dorm that allowed my friends and I to have a quad. All three were very nice dorms that I have wonderful memories of. However, for me they just don’t compare to



Above: *SJC Residence Halls (Apartments).*
Photo Courtesy of SJC Institutional Advancement.

apartment life.

First is I love having my own room! And as an English major doing lots of late night papers and writing, it’s relieving to be in my own space where I won’t bother my roommates. An added bonus is being as messy as you want. The apartments are huge and it’s amazing. It’s not a squished dorm and there is plenty of room to roam and lots of openness. I love having a kitchen and not having to bring my mini fridge or microwave. Also, having an actual freezer to keep ice cream in is all I could of hoped for. Having a balcony where I can read *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, enjoying the warm weather, is perfect. And lastly sharing a bathroom with one person has been one of my favorite aspects of living here.

My only downsides to living in an apartment is not having a stove or oven in the kitchen and if you don’t have a fifth friend in your squad, then that makes things slightly difficult. But if you can find that special fifth friend to be a part of your apartment family, then be prepared for some super good times and a sensational end to your residence life senior year.

By Brianna Velasco
Opinions Writer

Success: “the fact of getting or achieving wealth, respect, or fame; the correct or desired result of an attempt (Merriam Webster Dictionary).” Most people acknowledge the first definition of success without question. However, they tend to forget about the second. Success should not be defined by the amount of money a person makes or the popularity and fame he or she gains. Rather true success should be measured in a more personal manner if you are not making a huge amount of money, but you pay your bills and are doing what you love to do. Why is that less of an accomplishment than someone who makes millions? Our “attempt”, as the definition mentions, does not have to be for glory and riches. We should make more reasonable goals that we are still satisfied with. I would much rather make less money and want to go to work every day than despise my job while making a major profit.

It seems, though, that most people do not share this view. I believe this is because there is too much pressure in our society on “making it big.” You have to get to the top, make money, and boss people around. The truth is, not everyone can make it to the top. That is a fact. It’s something not everyone is able to attain. And you should not feel you are a failure simply because you didn’t become a CEO or reach a high position in your field. Are you making a positive difference? Are you enjoying your work? That’s a victory in and of itself. I believe there is just as much triumph in people “making it small,” and being joyful about what they do as there is in achieving this so-called success. If you’re able to do what you love and thrive financially, then good, but that should not be the end-all be-all of success. If you ever start to see yourself as a failure, step back and think about it. Did you really fail, or did you simply miss the mark that society defines as the “correct” successful outcome?



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The Candidates We Deserve

By Stephen Nickel
Opinions Writer

This election cycle, people are up in arms about the choices they have for the next president of the United States. On the one hand you have Donald Trump, the Republican nominee, who is an unpredictable loose cannon with people seriously concerned about his ability to serve as president. On the other hand you have Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee, who is a corrupt politician with possible health issues and the trustworthiness of a con artist. With two bad choices for president, people wonder how this could happen. Little do they realize that they are the very reason we have such lousy candidates.

If you look at the society we live in today, Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton are the perfect representation. We have become a society that has lost its moral compass and focuses almost entirely on entertainment and self-gratification. With the rising popularity of reality TV and social media it is easy to see why Trump has garnered so much support. People do not care about content anymore, only mindless entertainment. One simply has to look at how popular and well

known the Kardashians are to realize my point. The Kardashians reached popularity through a sex tape and reality TV show, not any real contributions to society. Yet they are a household name instead of real contributors to society such as Alexander Hamilton or Elon Musk.

Donald Trump has played this entertainment game perfectly by saying outlandish things that are then talked about incessantly in the news and social media. Besides our obsession with

entertainment, we have also become a society that no longer holds people accountable for their actions. According to conventional logic, Hilary Clinton should be in jail for knowingly possessing classified information on an unsecured private server. The director of the FBI, James Comey, even said so when he acknowledged that if it had been an FBI employee or anyone else they would have pressed charges. Sadly this type of incident is all too common.

We as a society making excuses for people’s behavior and even worse we don’t seem to care. Just look at the movie, *Wolf of Wall Street*, or some of the many other movies which glorify and glamorize corruption and criminal activity. So when I hear people complaining about the choices for president this year I just shake my head and think that, while these might not be the candidates that we want, they are the candidates we deserve.



Above: 2016 presidential candidates, Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hilary Clinton.
Photo courtesy of Google Images.

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Shoe Dog

By Justin Hays
Features Writer

Before Nike was a multi-billion dollar company represented by superstar athletes such as LeBron James and Kevin Durant, it was a one-man project operating out of a basement. The multinational goliath that is Nike began as a passion of Phil Knight, a lost 24-year-old who had just recently graduated from Stanford's MBA program. *Shoe Dog* is the memoir of that 24-year-old and his journey to creating one of the most valuable brands in the world.

Fresh out of Stanford, Phil Knight found himself in a position that is all too familiar to present-day college grads – he was lost. Knight had the degrees but no direction. Going back to his blue-collar hometown in Oregon showed Knight that he needed more. He needed more than going through the motions in a 9-5 with no passion or vitality. After some soul searching,

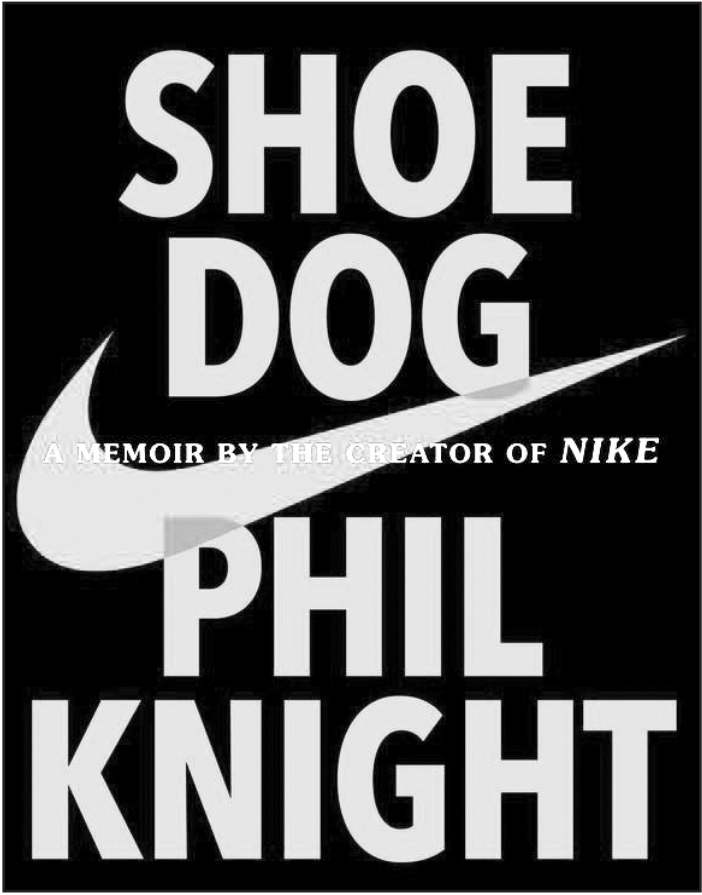
he realized that he must go abroad to truly find himself. With an advance from his father, Knight embarked on a long trip through Europe and Asia. By seeing the world, Knight found the inspiration he needed. With inspiration and a new found passion, Phil Knight began the relentless journey of creating a shoe company that would go on to change the world.

Throughout *Shoe Dog*, Knight demonstrates levels of humility, gratefulness, and appreciation that one would not expect from a man who founded one of the greatest corporations in the world. His self-deprecating humor mixed with his stark honesty provides a full picture of the highs and lows that came with pursuing his singular passion in life. Knight makes no attempts to paint his triumphs as the destiny of a genius business mind. Instead, he readily acknowledges the vast amounts of luck, hard work, and struggle it took to change the

world through shoes.

The knowledge gained from reading a work by a person as successful as Phil Knight is beneficial for anyone in general, but his insight can be especially helpful to a college student about to step into the real world. While not everyone can go onto create a billion dollar company, we all have the chance in life to pursue our passion. Knight accomplished his dream through leaving his comfort zone behind in Oregon, and pursuing long-term satisfaction over short-term stability. Instant gratification may be a norm today, but the story of Nike shows that anyone looking for instant gratification in the pursuit of his or her dreams will give up long before any true success can be achieved.

Shoe Dog will change the way you look at Nike, and just maybe, inspire you to pursue your dream instead of that secure 9-5 office job.



Above: The cover for *Shoe Dog* by Phil Knight. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Destiny: Rise of Iron

By Jimmy Kile
Features Editor

On September 20, video game developer Bungie released the newest expansion to their sci-fi fps mmorpg *Destiny*. The latest expansion, called *Rise of Iron*, introduces a new story, new social area, new mission area, and changes to some of the multiplayer in-game activities.

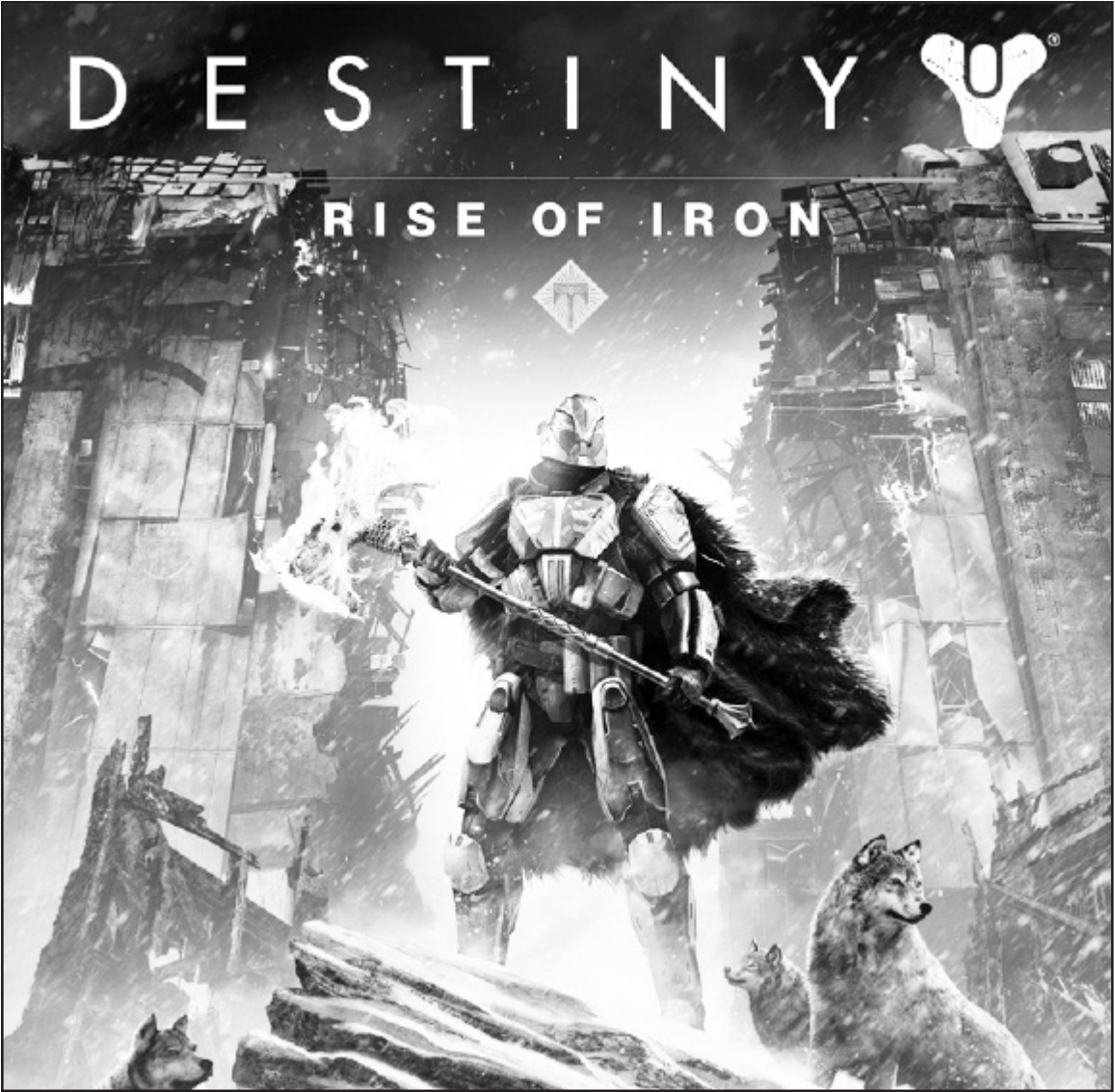
The new story, while short (a measly five missions), is nonetheless revealing about events that happen in the game universe before the game takes place. Players learn about the history of the mysterious Iron Lords and why Lord Saladin is the only Iron Lord left. Starting with an incursion to a mountaintop laboratory and culminating in a fiery-axe-wielding boss fight in the final mission, the main story of *Rise of Iron* is exciting at first, until one realizes that Bungie simply copy-and-pasted previously existing enemies, changed how they looked, and gave them abilities of other enemies. There isn't really anything new about the enemies players face. This is a dissappointing follow up to their previous expansion, *The Taken King*, in which their new enemies were reskinned versions of older enemies. The mechanics players need to use against the new enemies are just old ones on different enemies.

That being said, *Rise of Iron* does introduce a lot of new things to the game that revamped the passion of gameplay that had been lost to mindless, unending grinding.

The new social area for players

to gather, called the Iron Temple, is situated on the top of the mountain players climb in the first mission of the expansion. The temple is very deserving of its title and functions as the base of operations for the new expansion. The temple's courtyard is tiered, with stone steps, fiery braziers all about, and a snowy covering on the ground and mountainside. The temple proper is tall and dark with torches and more braziers illuminating the statues honoring the Iron Lords that have fallen in the line of duty. Both the temple proper and the courtyard have a secret activity to complete for an award. The new cryptach at the Iron Temple has a weekly mission to give players a new, powerful artifact to boost their character stats. Players should also be sure to visit the character Shiro-4 for new patrol activites and missions to complete in the new mission area called The Plaugelands.

The Plauelands is a new area on the Earth map for players to explore and complete missions in. The area is in a new part of the old Russian Cosmodrome except it has been overrun by the biomechanical, plant-like being known as SIVA. The presence of winter in The Plaugelands dominates the land as much as SIVA does. Players will find a mission type called "quarantine" in which they must kill a target and then survive a few rounds of enemy reinforcements. Players will also find a new public event area in the map section called Archon's Keep. The new public event area, called Archon's Forge, allows players to fight waves of high level enemies in exchange for high rated gear. In order to initiate the event, players must



Above: Promotional art for the latest *Destiny* expansion showing Lord Saladin. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

have a key which can be found from high level enemies across the The Plaugelands.

Other changes to the game include new armor and a higher light level (experience level generate by the quality of equipped gear that makes the character even stronger). These two make enemies even harder to face as they benefit from this change as well. The cooperative

strike missions now have a weekly hard playlist in addition to the normal rated playlist. Public events do not grant better rewards for completion. Players looking for player-versus-player action can try the new Crucible mode called Supremacy, which is just kill confirmed from *COD* with *Destiny* skins. A new raid also has high level rewards for players once they conquer the game's

hardest raid yet.

While *Rise of Iron* lacks creativity for new enemies, the expansion introduces enough new changes that improve the gameplay experience that was lacking after the previous expansion. Any gamer looking for a fresh experience from *Destiny* should definitely purchase the *Rise of Iron* expansion.

Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation

By: Vivian Myers
Features Editor/Writer

If you were ever in the mood to read something educational and fun I’d tell you to read Bill Nye’s book Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation. Yes, Bill Nye as in Bill Nye the Science guy. It was first published in 2014 making his science a little outdated now, but accurate for the time in which he wrote his book. Luckily for Saint Joe students, Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation is used in Core 5. So regardless to whether or not you want to read it you will eventually end up reading this witty book.

Nye’s book is only a short 299 pages. He has it split up into 37 chapters, not including an acknowledgments and an index for specific scientific terms. Nye did an amazing job of splitting the content into chapters that made coherent since and allowed the chapters to flow from one to the other. He titled his chapters with fun, easy to understand titles.

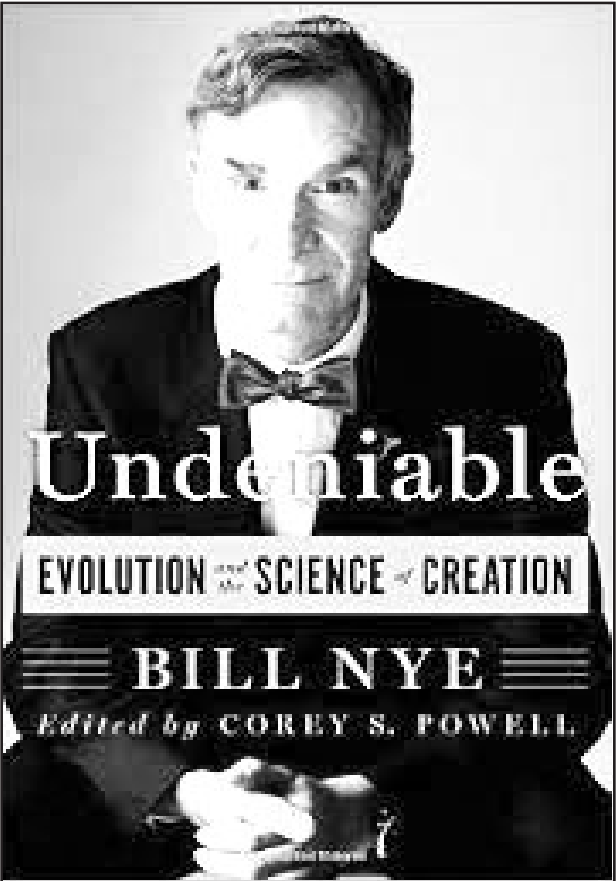
Things such as ‘Dogs Are All Dogs’, ‘The Tree Of Life – Or Is It a Bush’, ‘Human Cloning – Not Cool’, ‘Human Bodies Are Walking, Talking, and Good Enough’.

Bill Nye accompanies facts with snippets of childhood memories. In just about every chapter there is a corresponding memory that gives the reader insight as how the science of space can still connect to things here on Earth. For example; in the first chapter Nye talks about a memory about bees and he connects the intuition they have to the intuition that every living and non-living thing has whether it’s on earth or in space.

Throughout the book Bill Nye does his best to prove that life on Earth has evolved. He even mentions a few controversial subjects that go along with the evolution of life; human cloning and genetically modified food. Nye does well with geological

and fossil evidence of evolved life on Earth. He doesn’t hit on possible changes in DNA for support, but if he had the facts would have supported his theory. Aside from a few things he could have done differently, Bill Nye makes a convincing argument for evolution. If he didn’t the Professors here at Saint Joe wouldn’t have chosen Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation for their students. Nye’s book is written in such a way that all readers will be able to understand the complicated theories and experiments that he uses to show human evolution.

As an English major I enjoy reading Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation and I dislike science to the highest regard. This is a very enjoyable book that everyone should read.



Above: Cover of Undeniable: Evolution adn the Science of Creation. Image courtesy of Google Images.

Major Key

By: Cameron Adams
Features Writer

Here is, to coin a phrase from DJ Khaled, ANOTHER ONE!! This latest album of DJ Khaled was released on July 29 by ‘Epic Records’ and ‘We The Best Music Group’. This is Khaled’s ninth studio album in ten years.

It features the writing talents of Khaled himself and a plethora of special guest appearances that some could call a “star studded” line up of artists. His album features the musical talents of Big Sean, Kendrick Lamar, Betty Wright, Future, Jay Z, Bryson Tiller, Rick Ross, YG, Yo Gotti, Meghan Trainor, Wiz Khalifa, Wale, Drake, August Alsina, Nicki Minaj, Chris Brown,

Jeremih, Kodak Black, Jeezy, French Montana, Jadakiss, Fat Joe, Fabolous, Mavado, Kent Jones, Busta Rhymes, Gucci Mane, 2 Chainz, Travis Scott, Nas, and J. Cole

What makes the album so great isn’t just the high-octane, fast-paced dance music that we are all used to when we hear a DJ Khaled song. It’s the fact that, for at least the first five or six songs, Khaled’s songs speak a bit of truth. For example, Holy Key which features Big Sean, Kendrick Lamar, and the legendary Betty Wright, is a song where Big Sean and Kendrick “catch the Holy Spirit”. The two artists went back and forth

on issues that must be dealt with today such as politics, discrimination, police brutality, and religion. All the while Betty “goes to church” singing of religion, faith, and inspiration.

There are other songs that also have a layer of truth to them. Nas Album Done, which can be considered a sample from the artist’s upcoming album, Jermaine’s Interlude, in which J. Cole openly delves deep into his own knowledge of the world and of the rap game. Part of what makes that song so interesting is that you still get that same realness from Cole that you expect from him, but you also get a sense of hopelessness which only adds to the impact of the song.

The second half of the album is not as impactful as the first, but it does have songs that are worth mentioning. Forgive Me Father ft. Meghan Trainor, Wale, and Wiz Khalifa is one of those mentionable songs. Wiz and Wale go the entire song about the sins they’ve committed and the wrong they’ve done, while Meghan follows up with impactful claims of imperfection, which only adds to the great overall message of the song: that we all mess up and need forgiveness.

Overall, this is a great album that is sure to impact all who listen to it. Whether it’s through the music itself or through the words that the artists use. There is something for everybody.

So go check this out using Youtube, Spotify, or Apple Music. You won’t be sorry.

Royal Oak



Left: Picture of Royla Oak Restaurant. Image courtesy of Google Images.

By: Justice McGee
Features Writer

Getting tired of the food on campus? Getting bored with eating in your dorm room? Well, don’t stress your little heart because the Royal Oak Restaurant, right here in Rensselaer, is the place to go! If you are big on breakfast, I definitely recommend this restaurant. This week, I decided I’d take a break in between classes and head on over to Royal Oak to check out what’s on the menu. I was not disappointed. It was right after my 10 AM class, so the menu consisted of breakfast items and none of them were your average toast and eggs. I’m talking about waffles every which way, a couple choices of berries to top them off, french toast, steak and eggs, crepes and more!

While contemplating my choice of breakfast from the cozy little restaurant, before deciding on the Sunrise Special consisting of 2 eggs, a choice of 2 sausage patties or bacon and 2 slices of french toast, I went over the menu a bit. I noticed the general pricing for breakfast items ranged from \$6 to \$9 rounded up, plus tax and a tip! I, personally, thought the pricing wasn’t too bad compared to other places I’ve gone to. And after the food

I ate, I had no problem paying it! I’ve never been a big fan of breakfast, having only eaten it a couple times in my entire life, but I enjoyed every bit of it at Royal Oak.

The food really hit the spot! As for hours, I can tell you the restaurant is open from 7 AM to 9 PM every day of the week, so you’ve got plenty of time to stop in and grab a bite. Aside from the food, the place itself was very comfortable. If you’re a shy person, much like myself, and dislike eating in public and crowded places, you needn’t worry about that at this little restaurant. The place had customers here and there, but it wasn’t crowded and there was plenty of seating! It wasn’t obnoxious, there was light chatter filling the atmosphere, which is lovely for those of us who may want to bring something to work on as we settle down and eat. I wasn’t at all disturbed and I got my food rather quickly, so there was no waiting for an hour like most places!

Overall, it’s a great little place not far from Saint Joe. It’s so close you can walk there. I’m definitely going to head back there one of these days and see what they’ve got to offer on their lunch and dinner menus! I would rate this place 4.5 stars.



Above: Cover for Major Key. Image courtesy of Google Images.

Puma Distance Crew at SIUE

By Hannah Wallace
Sports Editor

The past two weeks the Pumas have spent training under all kinds of conditions to prepare themselves for the John Flamer Invitational at the University of Southern Illinois Edwardsville. As the results showed, all that training paid off. The course was a constant slope of muddy, slippery hills so patience is not what the Pumas used in this race. They attacked the hills and the rain with the strength and cohesion they have been training with. The times may not reflect what the Pumas are fully capable of, but they're determination and effort is what shows that the best is yet to come.

The men's raced an 8,000 kilometer race at SIUE as Justin Hays and Brian Eurton led the team to a fourth place finish. Hays was first for the men with an overall finish of 3rd place with a time of 26:07 as his teammate Eurton was only five places behind coming in at 26:33 with an eighth place finish. Marcus Fierek and Lane Barrett both managed a top 25 place finish as Fierek was in 19th with a time of 27:16 and Barrett in 21st with 27:33. Freshmen Ihab Benlamkaddem, Matthew Wielgus and Jordan Hopkins are all becoming important assets to the team as their training and racing continues to improve. The men packed it up this race and are continuing to succeed as teammates and individuals.

The lady pumas raced a 6,000 kilometer race at SIUE with



Pictured: Men's Cross Country Team
Photo courtesy of Susie Hays

Nikki Thiede leading the women with a third place finish and a time of 22:30. Meghan Hennessey and Brooklyn Wrestler fought for a strong finish as well. Hennessey was 18th place overall with a time of 24:21 and Wrestler was close behind at 24:36 with a 21st place finish. Finishing one after another was Hannah Wallace and Hannah Dawson in 27th and 28th place with times of 25:17 and 25:32. Promising performances from Rachel Bartz and Sydney Strang are also soon to come. As Bartz is overcoming surgery and Strang is struggling with an injury right now, it is no doubt these two runners will fight back with all they have to finish out their varsity season.

The men and women are now gearing up for their next race at Lewis University on October 8th. This will be the team's last race before the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship at Missouri S&T on October 22nd. This fall season is moving quickly and so are the pumas. As each race progresses, the Pumas are training harder and faster to prepare themselves for the championship season. We can expect outstanding performances from both the men and women's team as they have a strong pack of individuals on both sides. The Puma distance crew and the puma distance chicks are ready to give it their all.



Pictured: Meghan Hennessey
Photo courtesy of Susie Hays

Pumas See Back to Back Victories



By Christine Manika
Sports Writer

The Pumas were back at Alumni Field after coming off a victory on the road against William-Jewell College. The Pumas played against conference rival Missouri S&T Miners on September 24th, who have defeated the Pumas in the past six matches. The Pumas have not won a game against

Pictured: Isaac James
Photo courtesy of Fr Tim McFarland

S&T since 2009 and they were hoping to change that this year. Unfortunately even with strong offensive ball movements and even a defensive touchdown in the first quarter, the Pumas fell again against the Miners 54-21. Miners took control of the game by scoring the first touchdown during the first quarter with a

50 yard drive and a one yard touchdown. But the Pumas answered right back with a 75-yard drive with Zach Bobos breaking tackles during the last 10 yards of a 20 yard catch tying the game.

Miners attempted to run another drive, but it slips right out of their fingers. Literally.

Miners lose that ball towards their own endzone and Austin Fleming jumped right on top of the fumble to get the touchdown. Miners answer back with a long pass in the start of the second quarter and later taking a 20-14 lead after intercepting Phillip Kimble.

By halftime, the Pumas trailed the Miners 27-14 and the Miners kept running up the score from there. After three quarters, Miners were up 44-14 but the Pumas got the ball rolling again in the fourth quarter. They were not going down without a fight. Pumas got back into S&T's endzone where Issac James finishes an 80 yard drive with the final 8 yard touchdown run for the Pumas.

Pumas will have their Homecoming game on Saturday October 1st against Quincy University with kickoff at noon. Oh well Pumas, you'll get the Miners next year. Until then, the curse rolls on with seven games under their belt.

Upcoming Events

October 7th

- Women's Golf vs Taylor University Invitational in Swan Lake Resort - Plymouth, IN
- Men and Women's Soccer at Truman State University 12:00pm & 2:30pm
- Volleyball at University of Illinois Springfield 7:00pm

October 8th

- Women's Golf vs Taylor University Invitational in Swan Lake Resort - Plymouth, IN
- Men's & Women's Cross Country at Lewis University TBD
- Football at Lincoln University of Missouri 2:00pm
- VB at McKendree University 3:00pm

October 9th

- Men & Women's Soccer at Quincy University 12:00pm & 2:30pm

October 10th

- Men's Golf vs Midwest Regional in Fox Run G.C. - Eureka, MO

October 11th

- Men's Golf vs Midwest Regional in Fox Run G.C. - Eureka, MO

October 12th

- Women's Soccer vs. Salem International University 7:00pm

October 14th

- Volleyball vs GLVC/GLIAC Crossover in Aurora, Ill. TBD
- Men's and Women's Soccer vs Maryville University 5:00pm & 7:30pm

October 15th

- Volleyball vs GLVC/GLIAC Crossover in Aurora, Ill. TBD
- Football at McKendree University 1:00pm

SJC Soccer Teams Struggle

By Bronte Eather
Sports Writer

Both the men and women’s soccer teams finished with double losses the last two weekends. The soccer teams boarded their travel bus this past weekend to head to Springfield and Lebanon, Illinois to play their upcoming games on the 23rd and the 25th of September. After the almost 4-hour bus trip, the Lady Pumas jumped off the bus and took the field against University of Illinois Springfield (UIS).

The game started off with high intensity leading to an early goal for UIS, scoring in the 6th minute of the game. The first half roared on with SJC goal keeper, Senior Melissa Kuhar, making 3 saves to keep the Lady Pumas in the game. However, throughout the second half, UIS was able to score 3 more goals. Despite being down by 4, the Pumas did not give up and were able to put the ball in the back of the net. Freshman forward Merissa Ross was behind that shot, scoring her first ever goal, “It felt unreal scoring my



first college goal, it felt like it was in slow motion,” says Ross. With the game ending in a 4-1 loss, the girls picked up their spirits and sat on the sidelines to support their fellow Pumas – the Men’s Soccer team. Men’s Soccer went down at half time with a goal by UIS; however within the first minutes of the second half a penalty kick was awarded to Saint Joseph’s College. The shot went right to the back of the net, thanks to sophomore, Danny Yeates. The Pumas tried to hold onto their draw, but the UIS attack was too

strong, as they were able to sink 3 more goals into the Pumas’ net.

Coming off losses on September 25, Puma Soccer looked towards their next opponent: McKendree University. The Lady Pumas came onto the field looking strong and determined for a win, keeping the score tied at the half. McKendree came out guns blazing in the second half with a goal in the first minute, putting the Lady Pumas on the back foot. Unable to recover, the Lady Pumas were scored against two more times before they were able to respond with their own goal. Senior Jackie Greenawalt sailed the ball into the goal and held hope for her team. Despite her gallant efforts, the Lady Pumas had another two goals scored against them, leaving

Left: Freshman Merissa Ross handles the ball in a tough game against University of Southern Indiana (USI). The Lady Pumas lost in overtime, despite putting up a fight. Photo Courtesy of Susan Kelly-Johnson

the final score 5-1 in favor of McKendree.

The men’s soccer team was also able to keep their score 0-0 at the half against McKendree University. The boys were able to match McKendree’s shots, both having a total of 6 shots on each goal. McKendree scored two goals in the second half. The Pumas were awarded a penalty kick, but it was saved by the opposing keeper.

After having a rough weekend, the soccer teams looked to this most recent weekend, October 1, 2016, for a win. Playing at home on Homecoming weekend, the Women’s Team opened with a match against University of Southern Indiana (USI). They played a great match, one of the best all season and were able to play the entire game with the score tied at 0-0. Despite having a great fight, USI was able to score a goal in the first overtime, taking away the potential win for the Lady Pumas. “Despite the result,

I can’t wait to see how the rest of this year plays out,” says Ross.

Similarly, the Men’s Team was unable to come up with a win against USI as well. The boys conceded one goal in each of the halves, making it difficult for the team to recover. The boys looked to their next game against Bellarmine University, on the 2nd of October, for a win. With great efforts, and very close calls, the boys again fell 2-0, making it a winless two weeks for the Men’s Soccer Team.

The Women’s Team was also unable to use their home ground advantage against nationally ranked Bellarmine University. They went down 2-0 in the first half, and were unable to return in the second half. Kuhar made 22 saves in the game, keeping the team in the game at all moments: “it is tough going against big teams like this, but our team is more than capable to have a strong chance against all these teams in our conference,” says Kuhar.

Despite the losses, both the Men’s and Women’s Soccer Teams are keeping their heads high as they look towards their next games, where they will travel to Missouri and Illinois on October 7 and October 9.

Athlete Spotlight: Lindsey Werking

By Kylie Hill
Sports Co-Editor



Photo courtesy of SJC Athletics

Working is a mid-fielder on the Women’s Soccer Team. She is a senior majoring in Digital Media & Journalism and minoring in Political Science. She is a recipient of the class of 2017 Presidential Scholarship. Working is from Fortville, Indiana. Despite not receiving a lot of play time, Working is a dedicated member of the team. She has earned Academic All-GLVC for the past three years.

Q: What are you looking forward to this season?

A: We have a lot of talented freshmen, and I am really excited to watch them mature as college soccer players.

Q: What are your goals for this season?

A: My goals for this season are to have a memorable senior year and to encourage my teammates to always work hard and stay positive.

Q: What do you like most about SJC and playing soccer here?

A: After a long busy day of classes, meetings, and homework, it’s really nice to go to practice and be able to just let go and be with my team and relieve stress and anxiety from the school day.

Q: What other activities are you involved in at SJC?

A: I am involved in the Student Association, Campus Ministry, Radio and TV, and work at the Computer Center.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: My hobbies include playing the Guitar and singing, reading, playing with my dog, and planning service projects.

Q: Who is your role model?

A: One of my greatest role models is Bruce Springsteen because he’s not afraid to sing about social issues or stand up for what he believes in.

Q: What are your plans for after graduation?

A: I am currently applying for graduate school. I have applied for a Rhode Scholarship to study environmental change and management. I am also applying for a Emerging Media Digital Development (EMDD) program at Ball State University.

Volleyball Brings Home a Win for Homecoming

By Madyson Anthony
Sports Writer

While the Men’s Football team was tearing up the football field, the Saint Joseph’s College Women’s Volleyball team was dominating the court. On Saturday, October 1, 2016, the Women’s Volleyball team achieved their third win of the season against Kentucky State University, bouncing back from a 0-3 loss to Lewis University on Friday. They defeated the

Thoroughbreds 3-1.

The Pumas (3-11, 0-6 GLVC) dominated in the first set by winning 25-15. They were able to hold the Thoroughbreds (12-9) to a -.097 attacking percentage. Kentucky State then had a resurgence in set two to defeat the Pumas 25-18.

The Pumas were able to come back offensively and obtain victory in the next two sets by achieving a match high fourteen kills in the third set and .238 attacking percentage in the fourth. Julia Kruzan recorded a team high

of 14 kills and Shawntel James with 9.

In the next match of the day against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the Pumas gave the Rangers (5-10, 4-2 GLVC) set one 25-23 with a .182 attacking percentage. Saint Joseph’s College won set two with a much improved .350 attacking percentage.

The Rangers won the next two sets 25-19 and 25-22. However, our lady pumas still did well with Junior, Bridget Krasowski logging 17 kills and Katie Dugan executing 20 digs.

The Pumas will face the University of Illinois-Springfield and McKendree University on October 7th and 8th respectively. Let’s stay tuned and wish our volleyball team the best of luck!



Left: The 2016-2016 Women’s Volleyball Team gathers for a huddle in between sets to discuss strategy. Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph’s College Athletics

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Creative Corner



Ceramics Piece by Chuck Morrison



Ceramics pieces by senior Ryan Postma

The Barn By Alyssa Cook

Dust and dung
And dusty dung
Shove their pungent forms
Up my narrow nostrils.
The barn door swings,
Screeches like a rabid squirrel
And my foot lifts over the threshold
And lands in an ancient
Pile of cow droppings.
I'm back in the barn.

Side-step the piles,
Dodge the shit mines
Caked on splotchy gray cement.
Step in soft straw
And wince as it squishes.
That wasn't straw.
Duck under frayed halters
And coarse twine cobwebs.
Glance at the rusty pitchfork—
Right where I left it.

Walk between empty pens.
That stall in the corner
Belonged to my calf,
But his head isn't craned
To smother my cheek
With his warm, wet muzzle.
Outside, the grass is still green
Even greener and taller without him,
The pasture where my Maine Anjou steed
Led me in circles.

And up the steps
At the end of the row
Termite-addled stairs to heaven,
Step into the haymow.
With room for a thousand
Bales, now the empty chamber sits.
Dust hangs in the air like snowflakes
And my feet sink again,
Now into plush straw.
Do I dare do hay-angels?
The beams that hold

Up the sloping boat-hull
Roof and rafters creak in whispers,
Gossiping about the birds
That build their nests and leave.

Wander to the door and push it open.
View our green kingdom from the balcony
Where purple peasant thistles
And flaxen-haired dandelion
Maidens once waved, windswept
Curtseys to a younger girl.

The wind picks up
Through the door where
Meaty fists of farmers once hurled hay.
Whistling through the empty
Chamber, stirring the rope
I used to swing on, the wind lifts
My unbraided hair and head—look up.
And a pure white light winks at me
Through the leaky tin roof,
Inviting me up.

Welcoming me home.



Senior Ryan Postma works on one of his Senior Portfolio show pieces



Ceramics pieces by senior Ryan Postma